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## EUROPE

1. FRANCE: Possible desire to precipitate De Gaulle's return--  
US Embassy Moscow believes that the current Communist-directed disturbances in France may be deliberately designed to hasten De Gaulle's rise to power. The Embassy believes that the Communists may thereby hope to: (a) bring about the abrogation of the London decisions; and (b) disrupt the unity of the western powers. The Embassy considers De Gaulle's "clearly expressed views" as an indication that a government under his control would be "second-best only to a Communist government" in achieving these Soviet objectives.

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(CIA Comment: CIA agrees that, in pursuit of their over-all objective of defeating European recovery, the Communists may desire De Gaulle's return to power in the hope that western unity will thereby be disrupted. The Communists may also hope that through proper exploitation of a violent reaction to a Gaullist government they might come to power. CIA believes, however, that when De Gaulle is faced with actual governmental responsibility, he may be forced to modify his arbitrary position on foreign and domestic issues in order to avoid serious friction with the other western powers and a revival of the Communist threat in France.)

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